Wrong Exclusion of Drugs

634. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI:

Will the Minister OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations against wrong exclusion of Triprolidine, Tinidazole, Vitamin B6, Zink Bacitracin, Glybenclamide, Diphenoxylate Hcl, Hamaccel, Foot and Mouth Diseases Vaccine, Rabipur Vaccine, Polymixin B Sulphate etc. formulated mostly by multinational companies;

(b) the names of companies marketing these medicines;

(c) the time of receiving representation in each case and the action taken in this regard;

(d) the reasons for excluding these drugs and the names of the bulk drugs to which the criteria approved by the Cabinet was applied; and

(e) the drugs to which criteria was not applied on the ground that details of turn over were not available?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) In certain representations for exclusion of a drug from price control, some manufacturers, in order to support their claim, have cited instances of other drugs which are not under price control and have given the opinion that it is wrong. However, no authentic data has been furnished by them to substantiate the same. All the representations are at an advanced stage of consideration.

(d) and (e) List of drugs kept under price control has been prepared on the basis of criteria laid down in the 'Modification in Drug Policy, 1986' by applying it across the board to the data collected and compiled by the expert group. Drugs which did not either have monopoly situation, if the turnover was more than Rs. 100 Lakhs or had market competition, if the turnover was Rs. 480 Lakhs or more, are out side price control.

गुजरात में आई॰टी॰डी॰ए॰ द्वारा जनजातीय लोगों की उपेक्षा किया जाना

635. श्री राजूभाई ए॰ परमार: क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या एकीकृत जनजातीय विकास अभिकरण ने गुजरात के कच्छ मंडल के कुछ गांवों में ऐसे जनजातीय लोगों की संख्या की गणना की है जिनकी पूरी तरह से उपेक्षा की गई है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो गुजरात में ऐसे कितने जनजातीय लोग हैं जिन्हें पिछले दस वर्षों से एकीकृत जनजातीय विकास अभिकरण से कोई केन्द्रीय वित्तीय सहायता प्राप्त नहीं हुई है;

(ग) क्या इस उपेक्षा की जांच-पड़ताल करने हेतु कोई कार्रवाई करने का विचार है;

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण है; और

(ङ) उन लोगों को सहायता प्रदान करने हेतु क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं जिनकी अभी तक पूरी तरह से उपेक्षा की गई है?

कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के॰ वी॰ तंग्कावालू): (क) से (ङ) राज्य सरकार से सूचना मांगी गई है। उनके प्राप्त होने पर सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Production of Vegetable Oils

636. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of vegetable oils during the years 1994-95 and the target fixed for 1995-96;

(b) whether it is a fact that the prices of vegetable oils are increasing day by day while the production of oils is quite nil; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the corrective steps being taken by

Government to contain the prices of vegetable oils?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) The total production of vegetable oils has been estimated at 64 lakh metric tonnes during 1994-95 which is the highest ever level of production of edible oil. The target fixed for 1995-96 is 65 lakh metric tonnes based on the production target of oilseeds at 225 lakh tonnes.

The seasonal gap between demand and supply of edible oils in the country as well as the play of market forces result in the fluctuations of prices of edible oils.

(c) In order to stabilise the prices of edible oil, the Government has taken the following steps:—

(i) reduction in the customs duty on imports of edible oils under OGL to 30%

(ii) STC has been authorised to import 1.5 lakh tonnes of Palmolein for PDS supply at 20% duty.

(iii) NDDB has been allowed to import 1.5 lakh tonnes of edible oils at 20% duty.

(iv) To improve the indigenous production of oilseeds Oilseeds Production Programme has been in operation to augment the production of oilseeds for which assistance is being provided to the farmers on various inputs.

(v) To provide better incentives to farmers through fixation of higher minimum support prices of oilseeds.

लौह अयस्क के उत्पादन के लिये संयुक्त उद्यम

637. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी:** क्या इस्पात मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) देश में लौह अयस्क के उत्पादन के लिये पश्चिमी बंगाल, उड़ीसा, मध्य प्रदेश, बिहार और गुजरात में संयुक्त उद्यम स्थापित करने हेतु वर्ष 1993-94 और 1994-95 के दौरान कितने आवेदन प्राप्त हुए हैं;

(ख) 31 मार्च, 1995 तक संयुक्त उद्यम स्थापित करने संबंधी जिन प्रस्तावों की स्वीकृति दी गई है, उनका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) कितनी कम्पनियों के आवेदन अभी भी सरकार के विचाराधीन हैं?

इस्पात मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सन्तोष मोहन देव): (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी।

Involvement of Panchayats and Nagar Palikas in Promotion of Culture

638. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals that have been formulated to involve Panchayats and Nagar Palikas in the promotion of culture in the country;

(b) whether any allocation of funds has been made for the aforesaid purpose; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) Action to formulate a scheme to involve the local bodies in the cultural development at the grass-root level has recently been initiated.

Irregularities at Asiatic Society, Calcutta

639. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to reports of irregularities in the maintenance of accounts of the Asiatic Society, Calcutta;

(b) whether a committee of enquiry is proposed to be set up to probe the alleged irregularities and suggest remedial measures; and